Message for U.S. Citizens: Cyclone Roanu

May 21, 2016

There is a cyclone system developing in the Bay of Bengal. The storm, named Roanu, is projected to make landfall near Chittagong on Saturday, May 21. The south-central coast of Bangladesh will likely receive heavy rains and strong winds that could cause flooding, power outages and difficult travel conditions. U.S. citizens living in or traveling to the area should monitor local weather reports, follow directions from local officials, and take other appropriate actions as needed.

The Joint Typhoon Warning Center and Tropical Storm Risk (TSR) websites have updated storm-tracking information.

Additional information on storm preparedness may be found on our Hurricane Season - Know Before You Go webpage.

The Department of Homeland Security's page has numerous resources on emergency kits, preparing for disasters and developing emergency plans: https://www.ready.gov/. For further information:

- See the State Department's travel website for the Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information.
- Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the U.S. Embassy in Dhaka, Bangladesh, located at Madani Avenue, Baridhara, Dhaka, Bangladesh 1212, at (88) (02) 5566-2000, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. Weekends and After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is (88) (02) 5566-2000 (press "0" and ask for the duty officer).
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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